

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventors: Benjamin N. Eldridge, et al
Appln. No.: 09/364,788
Confirm. No.: 9878
Filed: July 30, 1999
Title: INTERCONNECT ASSEMBLIES AND
METHODS

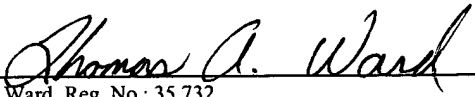
PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 2839
Examiner: Prasad, Chandrika

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, a shortened period for reply was set to expire on February 28, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action up to and including May 30, 2006.

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Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)	Extended Month
<u> </u> \$ 120.00/\$ 60.00	First
<u> </u> \$ 450.00/\$225.00	Second
<u>✓</u> \$1,020.00/\$510.00	Third

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

_____ A reply to the Office Action was previously filed on _____.

✓_____ A reply to the Office Action is filed herewith.

_____ Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,

By: Thomas A. Ward
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